

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 29, 2003

FROM: Bill Ingraham, Director
Department of Airports

SUBJECT: TWENTY (20) YEAR PUBLIC AIRPORT LEASE FOR BAKER AIRPORT WITH
THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: 1. Approve the renewal of the twenty (20) year lease for Baker Airport with the U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management for operation of Baker Airport from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$100 per year. 2. Authorize the Director of Airports to sign the lease on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: A twenty (20) year Public Airport Lease for Baker Airport was initiated by the County on October 1, 1961. The lease was renewed on October 1, 1981 and expired September 30, 2001. Since that time the County and BLM have considered the lease to be in holdover and the Department of Airports has continued to operate the airport.

On December 10, 2002, the Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the application for renewal of the twenty (20) year lease with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). After lengthy review the BLM has recently approved the application to renew the lease through September 30, 2021.

Baker Airport is a general aviation public use airport that supports the needs of the community, serves as an emergency airfield for pilots transiting the area between Las Vegas, Nevada and the southern coastal basin area of California, and provides a vital public safety role for law enforcement and emergency ambulance flights.

The Airport is maintained by personnel at Barstow-Daggett Airport and receives \$10,000 annually in State funds for maintenance support. The Federal Aviation Administration and the State Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics recognize the significance of Baker Airport and support its continued use.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by County Counsel (Chief Deputy County Counsel Rex Hinesley) on July 15, 2003, and County Administrative Office (Administrative Analyst Tom Forster) on July 18, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The lease fee is \$100 per year and is funded in the Department of Airports Operating Budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First

PRESENTER: Bill Ingraham, 387-7801

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